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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs [0082] and [0086], as follows:

[0082] In this embodiment, the form may be kept as small as possible to limit wasted motion of the print head, to fit within narrow carriage impact printers, to fit size dimension standards of the post office, and to weigh approximately less than one ounce. Managing the strike force of the impact printer head may be achieved by the combination of paper weights and other characteristics.

[0086] Contrast is an important element of being able to read the address and postal bar coding on the envelopes by the post office scanning equipment. System 10 takes advantage of this by focusing the scanner's attention to the vital data area. These areas are the mail-to address, return address, the FIM mark, and postage permit area. These areas may be white with contrasting dark printing, or other highly contrasting combinations of colored area and colored information therein. The boxes that form these focal areas may allow 1710^{th} 1/10th of an inch free space around the data image area. The post office standards require 1725^{th} 1/25th of an inch free space around all scannable data. In originating sheet 100 the colored portions are located between addresses 102 and 110, between areas 114 and 116, and between postage permit 106 and area 114. The balance of the surface may be printed in an ink color which causes reduced contrast. The post office scanners find the data in the high contrast areas.